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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Peter J. Kushner, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/729,478

Filed: December 4, 2000

For: METHODS FOR SCREENING
COMPOUNDS FOR ESTROGENIC
ACTIVITY

Examiner: E. Kemmerer

Art Unit: 1646

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 and
§ 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the
attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested
that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application,
and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any
patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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Please deduct \$240.00, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(p), from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0893. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

This Petition is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hunter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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